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SUBJECT: CHILEAN RESPONSE ON NICARAGUAN ELECTIONS DEMARCHE

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Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Fernando Salas, MFA Central America desk officer, on Nov. 25. Salas stated that Chile was very concerned about the violence that had occurred in Nicaragua following the elections. Chile views the outcome and conduct of the elections as an internal matter and, as a matter of policy, does not make public comments nor raise in bilateral discussions questions about internal politics. However, Chile is very active in multilateral fora and does raise these issues in those contexts. To this end, Salas noted that the issue had already been discussed at the OAS and that the Rio Group was working on a declaration of concern regarding the elections. Chile plans to take an active role in supporting such a declaration.  
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